GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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UPPER ASSAM COALFIELDS PROJECT
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) Whether a project for development of Upper Assam Coalfields belonging to the Coal India Ltd., worth Rs. 3,000 crore was inaugurated by the Prime Minister during his recent visit to Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith expected date of its implementation; and

(c) the extent to which it is likely to meet the coal demand of the thermal power plants in Assam ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a): The Prime Minister during his recent visit to Assam has advised augmentation and expansion of production capacity of North-Eastern Coalfields.

(b): 3 underground mines and 5 opencast mines have been identified to meet the demand of 1.5 mt/ annum requirement of coal for 500 MW power plant of Bongaigaon Thermal Power Station (TPS) of NTPC in Assam.

Details are given below :-

Sl. No.	Mines/Projects	Existing Production (Mt./year) 2004-05	Proposed production (Mt./Year)	Year of achieving target production	Estimated capital requirement (Rs. Crores)
	UNDERGROUND MINES (U/G)				
1.	Baragolai LJ/g	0.06	0.11	2010-11	5.70
2.	Ledo U/g	0.03	0.18	2010-11	4.00
3.	Tipong U/g	0.06	0.11	2010-11	4.80
	SUB-TOTAL (U/G)	0.15	0.40		14.50
	OPENCAST MINES (OC)				
1.	Tirap OC mine	0.38	0.30	2012-13	490.00
2.	Tikak OC mine	0.11	0.40	2011-12	467.00
3.	Ledo OCP	0.00	0.20	2010-11	193.00
4.	Lekhanpani OCP	0.00	0.20	2011-12	159.00
5.	PQOCP	0.00	0.15	2010-11	102.00
	SUB-TOTAL (OC)	0.49	1.25		1411.00
	TOTAL (NEC/CIL)	0.64	1.65		1425.50

(c): The identified coal mines / projects will fully meet the requirement of Bongaigaon TPS.